THE BOOK OF PROVERBS PART C

The Write Tribe

Proverb no. 1: *An apple a day keeps the doctor away*

There was once a village. It was full of people who were sick from a plague. In that same village lived a man who was always so full of beans. He was never sick. He was fit as a fiddle much to everyone's envy. One day, the villagers asked him, "What is your secret?" To that the man replied, "An apple a day keeps me so healthy that I never have to see the doctor again!" The villagers learnt not only to include apples but all types of other fruits and vegetables too. They became so healthy, the plague never came back again!

Meaning: *Eating nutritious food will make you healthier*

Proverb no. 2: *A rolling stone gathers no moss*

In a village lived two brothers. Their names were Jeff and George. Jeff was decisive while George was indecisive. One day, their grandfather gave them each a plot of land. Jeff decided to plant potatoes. He toiled day and night. It was a lot of hard work. On the contrary, George did not want to work as hard as Jeff. "This is too hard! I am going rear cows instead!" George sold the plot of land and bought cows instead. However, rearing cows was not as easy as it seemed. He had to feed the cows, milk them, bottle the milk and sell it in the market. "Argh! Potato farming was easier!" he muttered. By then, Jeff's hard work had paid off. He had made a considerable amount of wealth from selling his potatoes. George regretted his indecisive nature. He learnt that if one sticks long enough to a task and work hard at it, wealth will follow!

Meaning: *If you want to see good results, you have to stick to the task!*

Proverb no. 3: *A stitch in time saves nine*

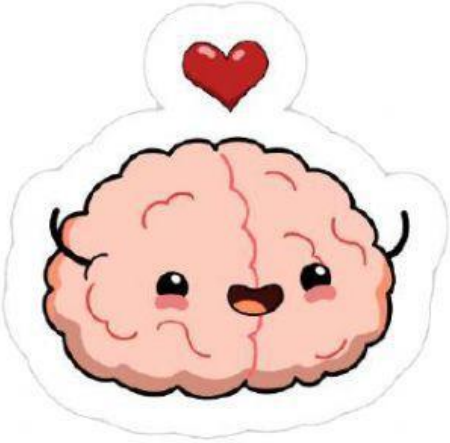
Chirpy is a hardworking sparrow who takes good care of her nest. In the same tree lived a crow named Choppy. Choppy was a couch potato and spent all her time sleeping. Chirpy always told Choppy, “Please repair your nest before the monsoon comes or the strong winds will blow your nest away!” However, it fell on deaf ears! As the days went by, the hole on Choppy’s nest grew bigger. One night, the winds became so strong that her family was in grave danger! She flew from tree to tree to look for twigs to repair her nest while Chirpy sat snugly in her nest. Choppy flew helter shelter to save her home and almost collapsed in exhaustion. Finally Chirpy also gave a helping hand and helped Choppy rebuild her nest. Choppy realised her foolishness and promised never again to postpone any work that required immediate attention.

Meaning: *If you deal with a problem earlier, it will save you time later*

Proverb no. 4: *The idle mind is a devil's workshop*

One day, Suresh was alone at home. His father had gone to his factory. His mother had gone buy some groceries. Suresh sat with his books before him. He quickly lost interest in them. He looked around for something else to do. His eyes were drawn towards a matchbox. His mother had warned him against playing with matches. "What could possibly happen?" he said to himself. He decided to play a game by throwing the matches. Unfortunately, he knocked against a kerosene lamp, spilling kerosene on the floor. It immediately caught fire. The flames spread rapidly and soon the fire spread into the next room. Luckily, Suresh was rescued by his neighbors. Unfortunately, the house was destroyed. The idle mind of Suresh had worked in an evil manner resulting in such a big tragedy. This is why it is important to keep oneself occupied with fruitful tasks!

Meaning: *The mind is capable of good or evil. This is why it is important to direct your mind towards fruitful tasks*



MATCH THEM

The idle mind is a devil's workshop	*Solve a problem before it becomes a bigger problem*
A stitch in time saves nine	*Someone who has nothing to do will come up with evil schemes*
A rolling stone gathers no moss	*Eat healthy and you would barely fall sick*
An apple a day keeps the doctor away	*If you want to be successful, don't be indecisive and stick to a task*

DRAG AND DROP

apple	**rolling**	**doctor**
moss	**idle**	**stitch**

1. An _____ mind is a devil's workshop.

2. An _____ a day keeps the _____ away.

3. A _____ stone gathers no _____.

4. A _____ in time saves nine.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

a rolling stone gathers no moss	**an apple a day keeps the doctor away**
a stitch in time saves nine	**an idle mind is a devil's workshop**

1. Joshua was tired that his little son George keeps switching hobbies. He was once a stamp collector, then he took up badminton and now he wants to learn the piano. "But Daddy! I am not good at collecting stamps or badminton. I am certain playing the piano is the right hobby!" George pleaded. "No! You don't stick long enough to be good at a hobby. Don't you know

_____?"

2. Jacob's grandmother is as fit as a fiddle at the age of eighty. "What's your secret?" Jacob asked. To that his grandmother replied,

"I always eat nutritious food. _____."

3. Mira was so bored and could not help touching her Mother's precious porcelain vase. She wondered how heavy it was. Her thoughts were interrupted by her Mother promptly,

"_____. Find something better to do!"

4. Johnathan's kitchen faucet was leaking. "You better fix it now! Or it will lead to a bigger problem." warned his neighbour. However, it fell on deaf ears. True enough, a week later, Johnathan's entire home was flooding. It was an expensive affair to fix all the leaky pipes. Johnathan learnt his lesson

that _____.